

**CLAIMS:**

What is claimed is:

1. A method of improving the search for and retrieval of pages from a hotlist of pages, comprising:

creating an entry representing a page in a hotlist of pages;

searching the page for keywords; and

responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of all entries in the hotlist of pages;

displaying to the user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the selected search term within a keyword field for the respective entry; and

responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry, retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of searching the page for keywords further comprises:

generating a set of keywords based on the content of the page if no keywords are included within metadata for the page.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

allowing the user to edit the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

allowing the user to selectively enable automatic updates of the keyword field of an entry in the hotlist of pages whenever the page represented by the entry is accessed.

6. A method of retrieval of items from a hotlist of pages, comprising:

searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of entries within the hotlist of pages;

displaying to a user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the at least one selected search term within the keyword field for the respective entry; and

responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry in the hotlist of pages, retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:

creating a new entry representing a page in the hotlist of pages;

searching the page for keywords; and

responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, incorporating the at least one keyword into the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

8. The method of claim 6, wherein the step of searching the page for keywords further comprises:

searching for a combination of multiple selected search terms selectively combined according to at least one member of a set of logical operators that includes a 'logical and' operator, a 'logical or' operator, and a 'logical not' operator.

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9. A system for improving the search for and retrieval of pages from a hotlist of pages, comprising:

means for creating an entry representing a page in a hotlist of pages; means for searching the page for keywords; and

means, responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

10. The system of claim 9, further comprising:

means for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of all entries in the hotlist of pages;

means for displaying to the user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the selected search term within a keyword field for the respective entry; and

means, responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry, for retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for searching the page for keywords further comprises:

means for generating a set of keywords based on the content of the page if no keywords are included within metadata for the page.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

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means for allowing the user to edit the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the means for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

means for allowing the user to selectively enable automatic updates of the keyword field of an entry in the hotlist of pages whenever the page represented by the entry is accessed.

14. A system for retrieval of pages indexed by a hotlist of pages, comprising:

means for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of entries within the hotlist of pages;

means for displaying to a user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the at least one selected search term within the keyword field for the respective entry; and

means, responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry in the hotlist of pages, for retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

15. The system of claim 14, further comprising:

means for creating a new entry representing a page in the hotlist of pages;

means for searching the page for keywords; and

means, responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, for incorporating the at least one keyword into the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

16. The system of claim 14, wherein the means for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of entries within the hotlist of pages further comprises:

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means for searching for a combination of multiple selected search terms selectively combined according to at least one member of a set of logical operators that includes a 'logical and' operator, a 'logical or' operator, and a 'logical not' operator.

17. A computer program product within a computer usable medium for improving the search for and retrieval of pages from a hotlist of pages, comprising:

instructions for creating an entry representing a page in a hotlist of pages; instructions for searching the page for keywords; and

instructions, responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

18. The computer program product of claim 17, further comprising:

instructions for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of all entries in the hotlist of pages;

instructions for displaying to the user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the selected search term within a keyword field for the respective entry; and

instructions, responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry, for retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

19. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the instructions for searching the page for keywords further comprises:

instructions for generating a set of keywords based on the content of the page if no keywords are included within metadata for the page.

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20. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the instructions for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

instructions for allowing the user to edit the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

21. The computer program product of claim 17, wherein the instructions for incorporating the at least one keyword into a keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages further comprises:

instructions for allowing the user to selectively enable automatic updates of the keyword field of an entry in the hotlist of pages whenever the page represented by the entry is accessed.

22. A computer program product within a computer usable medium for retrieval of pages indexed by a hotlist of pages, comprising:

instructions for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of entries within the hotlist of pages;

instructions for displaying to a user each entry in the hotlist of pages containing the at least one selected search term within the keyword field for the respective entry; and

instructions, responsive to an input from the user selecting a displayed entry in the hotlist of pages, for retrieving a page associated with the selected displayed entry in the hotlist of pages.

23. The computer program product of claim 22, further comprising:

instructions for creating a new entry representing a page in the hotlist of pages;

instructions for searching the page for keywords; and

instructions, responsive to discovering at least one keyword within the page, for incorporating the at least one keyword into the keyword field of the entry in the hotlist of pages.

24. The computer program product of claim 22, wherein the instructions for searching for at least one selected search term in keyword fields of entries within the hotlist of pages further comprise:

instructions for searching for a combination of multiple selected search terms selectively combined according to at least one member of a set of logical operators that includes a 'logical and' operator, a 'logical or' operator, and a 'logical not' operator.